

respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the above election.

#### GENERIC CLAIMS

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6 and 9 are generic, as described below.

The first substrate (2), the second substrate (1), the sealing member (3), the liquid crystal (L), the first wires (6), the second wires (5) and the leading wires (one of 7b, 7b1, 27b or 30a), as described in claim 1, are all shown in Figs. 1, 6, 9, and 10.

The scanning signal line (5), the data signal line (6), the leading wires (one of 7b, 7b1, 27b or 30a), the active substrate (1), the opposing substrate (2), the sealing member (3) and the liquid crystal (L), as described in claim 9, are all shown in Figs. 1, 6, 9, and 10.

Fig. 2, showing the relation between the leading wires (one of 7b, 7b1, 27b or 30a), the light shielding film (17) and the sealing member (3), regarding claims 2-6, is related to all of the embodiments.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that at least claims 1 and 9 are generic to the Species of Figs. 1, 6, 9, and 10.

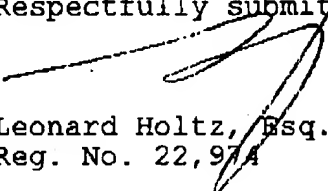
Moreover, the subject matter of claims 2-6 is related to all of the embodiments of the invention.

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Upon allowance of a generic claim, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner also consider claims directed to non-elected Species, which depend from or otherwise include the subject matter of an allowable generic claim.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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